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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
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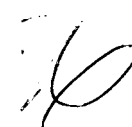
SUBJECT : Analysis of Possible Future Contingencies in East Asia

1. Charles Waterman has sent you a memo listing contingency papers he plans to write in the coming months. His papers will address the consequences of various possible radical changes in his area.

2. East Asia is far more stable than the Near East. Indeed among the major areas of the world none is more supportive of US foreign policy and more receptive to US trade and investment than East Asia, with the partial exception of Western Europe. Accordingly, my list of contingency papers is fairly short:

- Chun Do Hwan is toppled by a coup in South Korea and North Korea adopts a threatening posture during the transition to a new South Korean leadership.
- Sino-Soviet talks are more successful than expected, altering the geopolitical map in fundamental ways.
- Philippine base negotiations bog down and collapse, souring US-Philippine relations
- Elections in Australia and New Zealand bring Labor Party governments to power

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